

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Reverend Michael E. Askew, Sr., Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida.

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Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009: The House began consideration of H.R. 1106, to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability. Further proceedings were postponed.

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H. Res. 190, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 89, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 88. Pages H2846–48

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, February 25th:

Expressing condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407: H. Res. 183, to express condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the victims of the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 90.

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Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2nd for morning hour debate.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted to Congress a report entitled A New Era of Responsibility—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–19).

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2837.

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 8 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2846, H2847–48 and H2862. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Outsourcing. Testimony was heard from Gordon S. Heddell, Acting Inspector General, Department of Defense.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Disaster Response: Is FEMA up to the Challenge? Testimony was heard from Dave Garrett, Acting Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and Edward Tonini, Adjutant General, State of Kentucky.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT INNOVATIONS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness held a hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act. Testimony was heard from Cheryl Keenan, Director, Division of Adult Literacy, Department of Education, District of Columbia; George Scott, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Scandi Vita, Acting Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing on Revisiting the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; former Representative Calvin M. Dooley of California; J. Clarence Davies, former Assistant Administrator for Policy, EPA; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE LEGISLATION—RENEWABLE ENERGY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Renewable Energy: Complimentary Policies for Climate Legislation. Testimony was heard from Howard K. Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Ron Binz, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission, Colorado; Stan Wise, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, Georgia; and public witnesses.

MONETARY POLICY/STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Concluded hearings on monetary policy and the state of the economy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S.-INDIA RELATIONS AFTER MUMBAI

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Building a Strategic Partnership: U.S.-India Relations in the Wake of Mumbai. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TICKETMASTER/LIVE NATIONAL MERGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy held a hearing on Competition in the Ticketing and Promotion Industry. Testimony was heard from Representative Pascrell; and public witnesses.

HARDROCK MINING AND RECLAMATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on National Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 699, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from Representative Heller; Robin M. Nazzaro, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

NEW FEDERAL CONTRACTS—HOW CONVICTS AND CON ARTISTS RECEIVE THEM

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on How Convicts and Con Artists Receive New Federal Contracts. Testimony was heard from Gregory Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; the following officials of the GSA: James Williams, Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service; and David Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive; BG Edward Harrington, USA (ret.), Deputy Assistant Secretary, Procurement, Department of the Army; and CAPT Michael Jaggard, U.S. Navy (ret.), Chief of Staff/Policy for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (DASN) for Acquisition and Logistics Management (A&LM); and public witnesses.

INFORMAL STEM EDUCATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Beyond the Classroom: Informal STEM Education.

Testimony was heard from Joan Ferrini-Mundy, Division Director, Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings, Education and Human Resources Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

VA'S GI BILL IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on VA's Update on Short and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements. Testimony was heard from Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and CAPT Mark Krause, USN, Chief Staff Officer, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center, Atlantic, Department of the Navy.

ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED TAXPAYER ASSISTANCE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on IRS Assistance for Taxpayers Experiencing Economic Difficulties. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Linda E. Stiff, Deputy Commissioner, Services and Enforcement; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate.

Joint Meetings

RESTORING THE ECONOMY

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine restoring the economy, focusing on strategy for short-term and long-term change, after receiving testimony from Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, President's Economic Advisory Board; Roger C. Altman, Evercore Partners, New York, New York; Adam S. Posen, Peterson Institute for International Economics, Washington, D.C.; and Joseph R. Mason, Louisiana State University, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 27, 2009**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.